

SB 54

Senator Cocchiarella

An act generally revising professional and occupational licensure laws.

- The bill requires the Department to convene a joint meeting once every two years for those boards having dual licensure or similar scopes of practice.
- Removes the quasi-judicial reference from the Boards of Alternative Health Care, Social Work Examiners and Professional Counselors, Respiratory Care Practitioners, and Clinical Lab Science Practitioners.
- Combines the Board of Landscape Architects and Board of Architects and authorizes six board members.
- Defines combative events for athletic licensure and eliminates the Board of Athletics and making it a program.
- Provides for the enforcement of rules by the Department when the Board is eliminated.
- Establishes Department jurisdiction due to elimination of the Board.
- Sets forth procedures to notify the Board and the appropriate legislative interim committee when a board cannot operate in a cost effective manner.